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Ca. 1830

Willard Farm

Thurmont vicinity, Maryland

Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Rural Agrarian Intensification 1680-1815
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Agriculture

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Mountains

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/outhouse, storage sheds
Agriculture/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/barn,
tractor shed, hay barn
Agriculture/Subsistence/storage/corncrib

Known Design Source: None

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. F-6-54

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Willard Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Catoctin Hollow Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Thurmont ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Betty W. & Clarence L. Willard

street & number 13425 Catoctin Hollow Road telephone no.:

city, town Thurmont state and zip code Md. 21788

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 961

street & number 100 West Patrick Street folio 117

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Anthony James Survey

date 1969 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

pository for survey records Frederick County Dept. of Planning & Zoning

city, town Frederick state Md.

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☒ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

7.1 Description:

The Willard farmhouse is a two story log building with a side gable roof of standing seam tin located near the intersection of Catoctin Hollow Road and Mink Farm Road. The principal facade faces east and runs 6 bays across. The farm includes a cluster of outbuildings to the east of the house.

Constructed in two sections, both sections are log with board and batten covering the newer section on the south side and vertical siding sheathing the older section. The side gable roof has three brick chimneys: two interior chimneys located a couple of feet from each end and one central chimney. Both sections of the house rest on a raised stone foundation. Fenestration throughout is comprised of simple window surrounds. In the oldest section (to the north), the east elevation contains a central door with a bible cross and raised panels and two 6/6 light windows on the first floor; the second story has two 6 light sliding casement windows. The raised stone foundation contains a gabled cellar entry hood. The chimney on the north end contains an arched cap. The newer section to the south has symmetrical placement of three bays with a side door and 2/2 light windows on both floors. A one story shed roof porch runs the full facade and has chamfered posts resting on stone piers.

The west elevation contains two 6/6 light windows in the older section and one 2/2 light window in the new section with asymmetrical placement. The north elevation has a central raised panelled door with two 6/6 light windows on the first floor and a 6 light fixed window in the attic. The south elevation reveals heavy logs underneath the siding. A smaller board and batten siding is utilized in the gable end which also has a 6 light fixed window. The first and second stories have symmetrically placed 2/2 light windows. The interior of the building was not accessible.

Other buildings with the house include a gabled roofed outhouse located several feet east of the house. Further east, a frame wood shed is situated with an exterior chimney of stone and brick. A log barn is located to the northeast of the house with its gable roof running east to west. It is sheathed in vertical siding. A hay barn and a tractor shed are also located in the complex. A vertical sided corncrib is located to the north of the barn.

8.1 Significance:

The Willard Farm represents a typical mountain farm of the Catoctin Mountains in containing a farmhouse and a collection of small barns and sheds that date from the early nineteenth century. The buildings in the complex reveal the importance of log as a construction material to the settlers of mountain communities. The farmhouse is significant in exemplifying the double pen, saddlebag log house type. Although the house is vacant, the property is still maintained and utilized as a mountain farm.

This property is important in its historic context. There are no other farms of its type and scale surviving in its vicinity. Architecturally, the house and barn remain in pristine conditions with high levels of integrity. The complex is extremely valuable in providing information on log architecture of the early to mid nineteenth century and construction methods.

The property appears on the 1858 map as being owned by M. Gates (according to the current owner, Gates built the property). By 1873, it was owned by Ridenour, Brown and Krise. James O. Harne purchased the "old Gates Farm" containing 103 acres in the late nineteenth century T.J.C. Williams, History of Frederick County, Maryland, L.R. Titsworth & Co., Frederick, 1910, p.1014) It was inherited by his daughter, Cora M. Willard. The Willard family has owned the property from the late nineteenth century to the present day. The farm was surveyed in 1974, and, at that time, was considered "an important primitive mountain farmhouse" (Anthony James Survey, 1974). Its house type was common in mountainous areas of the Eastern seaboard: the double pen, saddlebag log house. This form was initially brought to the southeast Pennsylvania cultural hearth by German settlers and disseminated westward. Often, the house type began with a single pen and was expanded upon with the addition of another room. The Willard house exemplifies this form particularly with the use of a central chimney, a diagnostic element of saddlebag log construction. Further research and analysis should be undertaken with this property.

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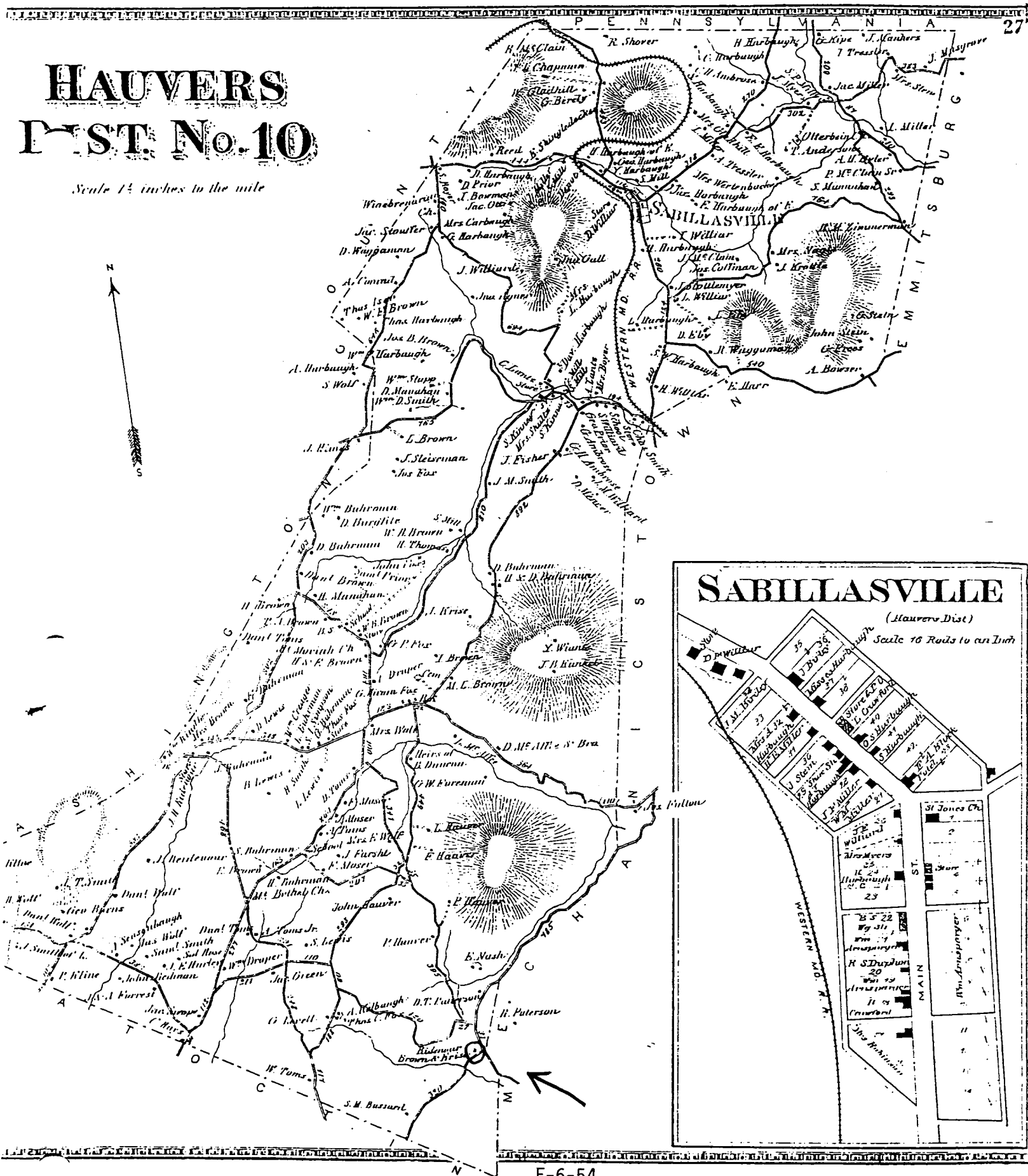
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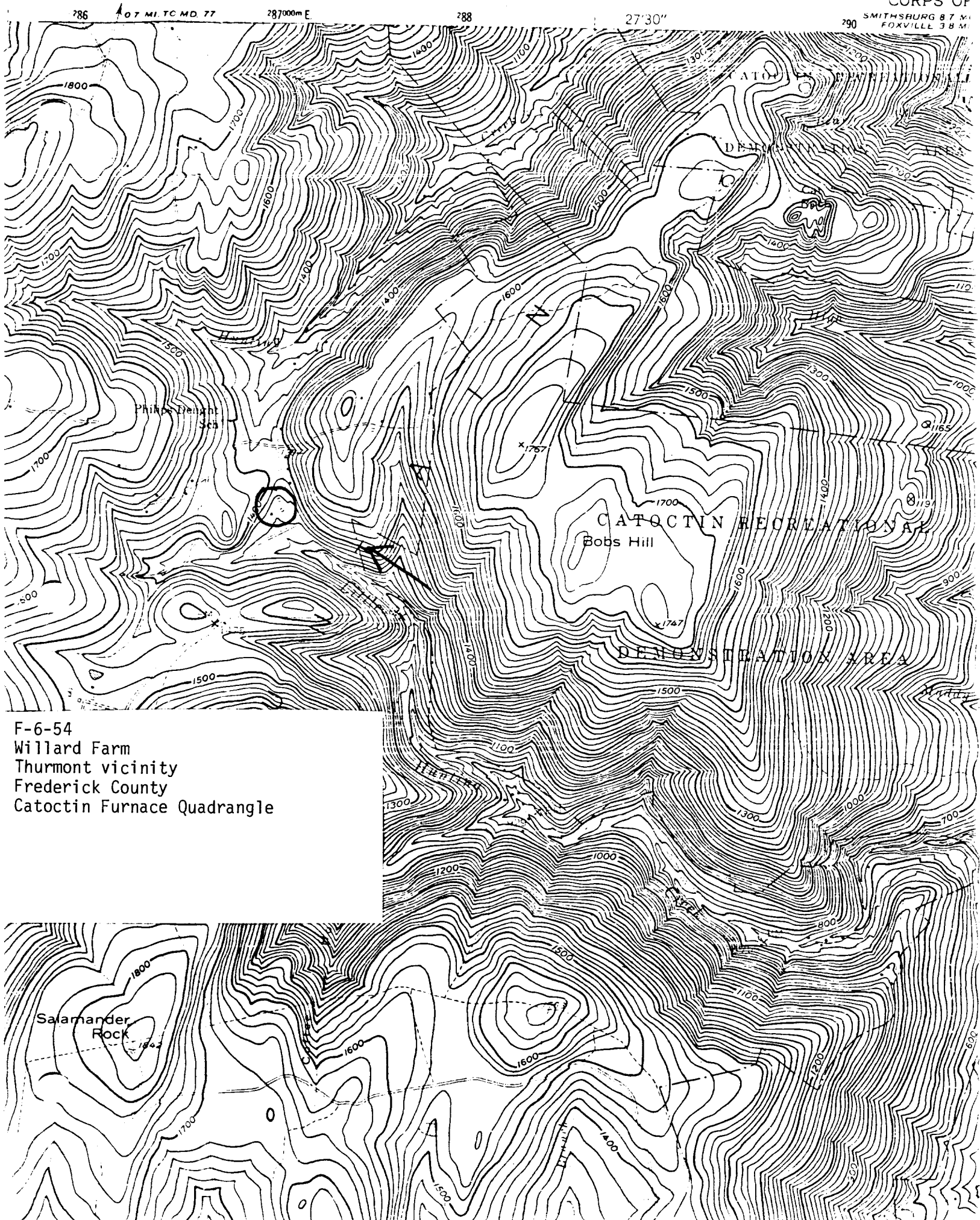
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Scale 1½ inches to the mile

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C.O. Titus & Co., Philadelphia, 1873





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North-east corner view

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North elevation



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South elevation - exposed log



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Log barn, hay barn - looking east



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Tractor shed, hay barn - looking north